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SUBJECT: ISRAELI NEWS REPORT ON BLACK HEBREWS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN HA'ARIV ON
OCTOBER 28, 1979.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE U.S. REQUESTS EXTRADITION OF BLACK
HEBREW SUSPECTED OF FRAUD. PERTAINS TO SOME MEMBERS OF
THE SECT RESIDING IN DIMONA. FBI TO RELAY INFORMATION
TO ISRAEL.

BY: YAIR KOTTLER, HA'ARIV NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

THE F.B.I. AND THE CHICAGO DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROMISED
TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH INFORMATION ON THE CRIMINAL
OFFENSES PERPETRATED IN THE U.S. BY BLACK HEBREWS NOW
RESIDING IN DIMONA.

NITSAB MISHNE MICHAEL BUCHNER, ISRAEL POLICE REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE U.S.A. MET LAST WEDNESDAY MEMBERS OF THE
F.B.I. IN CHICAGO, WITH INVESTIGATORS, BANK REPRESENTATIVES
AND OF AIRLINES.

MR. BUCHNER WAS INFORMED THAT BLACK HEBREW LEADERS IN-
FILTRATE THEIR MEN IN SUCH PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT AS AIR-
LINES, BANKS AND COMMERCIAL AGENCIES. AFTER HAVING
LEARNED THE SECRETS OF THE COMPANIES, THEY SUCCEED IN
DEFAUDING THEM BY ISSUING BANK CHECKS WITH NO PROVISION,
TO REGISTER DIFFERENT NAMES ON TICKETS TO ISRAEL AND
OTHER COUNTRIES, AND EVEN TO ISSUE CREDIT CARDS IN
IMAGINARY NAMES.

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE U.S. MAY ASK FROM ISRAEL FOR THE
EXTRADITION OF THOSE BLACK HEBREWS LIVING IN DIMONA WHO
ARE SUSPECTED OF FRAUD, IS NOT EXCLUDED. UNTIL NOW THE
F.B.I. AND THE CHICAGO DISTRICT ATTORNEY REFRAINED FROM
TAKING SUCH A STEP. THEY EVEN WITHHELD FROM ISRAEL IN-
FORMATION BECAUSE OF THE SENSIBILITY OF THE SUBJECT CON-
CERNING BLACKS IN GENERAL.

HIGH-RANKING OFFICER BUCHNER TOLD THIS CORRESPONDENT THAT
"ABOUT 80 OR 90 BLACK HEBREWS RESIDING IN DIMONA ARRIVED
IN ISRAEL FRAUDULENTLY AND UNDER FALSE PRETENSES. THE
OFFENCES WERE PERPETRATED IN THE U.S.A. BEFORE THEIR AR-
RIVAL IN ISRAEL".

"AMERICAN AIRLINES COMPLAINED TO THE F.B.I. THAT BLANK
TICKETS WERE STOLEN AND ISSUED IN THE NAME OF OTHER COM-
PANIES BY BLACK HEBREWS WHO ARRIVED IN ISRAEL IN THIS
MANNER. THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WAS NOT RELAYED TO
ISRAEL BY THE F.B.I. NOW, THE F.B.I. BELIEVES THAT THEY
SHOULD BE TRIED IN THE U.S.A. ALSO FOR GIVING FALSE IN-
FORMATION UPON APPLYING FOR PASSPORTS FOR FEAR THAT
THEIR CRIMINAL PAST BE DISCOVERED.
THE SCOPE OF THE FRAUD PER INDIVIDUAL IS ESTIMATED TO
RANGE BETWEEN 5,000 TO 20,000 DOLLARS.

THE BLACK HEBREWS ARE KNOWN IN THE U.S.A. AS A GROUP.
500 TO 600 RESIDE IN CHICAGO AND FEW HUNDREDS IN OTHER
CITIES. THERE ARE 1,000 TO 1,200 IN DIMONA. SOME OF
THESE FEAR TO RETURN TO THE U.S.A. BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST.
ALL ARE SUBSERVIENT TO THEIR LEADER, BEN CARTER WHO LIVES
IN DIMONA.

OFFICER BUCHNER CONCLUDED: "IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THE
BLACK HEBREWS HAVE NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONNECTION
WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE. ONLY THE ALMIGHTY KNOWS WHY
THEY CHOSE TO BE HEBREWS."

MR. ZEV CHEFETZ, DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE,
WILL BE RETURNING FROM THE U.S.A. TODAY TO ISRAEL AFTER
SPENDING ONE MONTH IN MEETINGS WITH U.S. BLACK LEADERS.
HE SHALL HAVE ONE IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION TO PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN: ISRAEL SHOULD DEMONSTRATE MORE SENSI-
TIVITY TO THE BLACK POPULATION OF THE U.S.A.

HE BELIEVES THAT ISRAEL IS GIVING A SECONDARY IMPORTANCE
TO THE TENSION BETWEEN THE BLACKS AND THE JEWS. "THIS
IS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
GROUPS", HE TOLD HA'ARIV CORRESPONDENT. END QUOTE.
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